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RETAILERS REMINDED TO POST CONSUMER NOTICES AT CHECKSTANDS LISTING OF LATEST COMPLETED SCANNER OVERCHARGE CASES

The Los Angeles County Sealer of Weights and Measures, Cato R. Fiksdal, is reminding retailers that the County *Buyer Beware Program* requires that they post consumer rights notifications at their electronic checkout stations. Mr. Fiksdal also announces the publication of **six** completed retail overcharge cases.

“California law requires retailers to charge their customers their lowest posted, advertised, or quoted price,” said Mr. Fiksdal. “The purpose of the checkstand notification is to ensure consumers are aware of this legal requirement,” he continued.

Beginning in April, retailers were provided the 3" x 5" blue on yellow background notices. The *Buyer Beware Program* ordinance requires these notices be placed on, or near, each electronic checkout station. “While many stores have complied with the requirement, many have not,” stated Mr. Fiksdal. Failure to post the notice may subject the store to a one hundred dollar fine for the first offense. Retailers requesting notices may call **(562) 940-8924**, or e-mail scanners@acwm.co.la.ca.us.



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Listed below are cases completed during the month of March, 2002:

1. **Albertson's Inc. #6189, 2115 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach**

Date of offense: 8/17/2000

Charges: 4 counts of scanner overcharge (\$6.38)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1000

2. **Albertson's Inc. #6332, 19725 Vanowen Street, Canoga Park**
Albertson's Inc. #6328, 13051 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood

Date of offenses: 3/05/2001 and 3/07/2001

Charges: 13 counts of scanner overcharge (\$6.78)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$2106

3. **Albertson's Inc., #6107, 2130 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita**

Date of offense: 3/21/01

Charges: 12 counts of scanner overcharge (\$16.97)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$648

4. **K-Mart Corp #4191, 702 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Harbor City**

Date of offense: 2/07/01

Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$4.04)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1318

5. **Robinsons-May, Inc., #7, 1801 Hawthorne Blvd., Redondo Beach**

Date of offense: 1/02/01

Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$27.26)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1000

6. **Sav Max Foods, Inc., 1375 N. Citrus Ave., Covina**

Date of offense: 1/23/01

Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$8.01)

Convictions: 1 count, guilty

Fines and fees: \$1153